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The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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WOMEN FOR WORKERS

They Often Make The Very Best And Should be Encouraged to Take Hold.

THERE IS MORE WORK THAN THE MEN CAN DO.

Since our country has become involved in the world struggle and taking the men into the government service, and will call many more as time goes on, much more responsibility is falling upon the fair women of our land.

Men, women and children are getting their minds on war, war, war. Many do not like it, but they cannot keep from thinking and talking about it. Great grief is taking possession of many, who, a few years ago, nothing seemed to bring a cloud over them. Nearly every home is effected more or less and a cloud of sadness is overshadowing almost all.

The popular churches are becoming so engrossed with war and its constituents that real spirituality is forgotten largely. But little effort is being made by them to save men. They spend their time in the Red-Cross and Y. M. C. A. work trying to "help the boys at the front and in the camps." The women knit and work and the men work and contribute.

But there are a few people that have the spiritual interests at heart. The gospel must be heralded abroad whether anything else is done or not. The Church of God is already feeling the effect of the war in many ways, but especially because it is taking some of our young men to the camps. The responsibility is falling heavier upon those who may not have to go. As our men have to leave the gospel work and go into the government service, it will be necessary for the women to fall into service and fill up the vacancies.

I have heard of some of our men being very much opposed to women acting as Sunday School superintendents, or even teaching classes or having any active part in the church work, but it is time now for them to leave off such fanciful notions, for if the men are taken away we will have the women to fill their places, because the work has to be done.

It seems to me that more of our young women ought to prepare themselves for the ministry and mission work. If the responsibility is going to fall upon them heavier they ought to be ready for it. They ought to master their Bibles like they master their grammars and arithmetics in school. There is no time for idleness and merely preparing to keep house. While it is true that every girl and young woman should learn to keep house, but that is not enough now.

In the countries where the war has been affecting them longer than ours the women are doing the work of men and tilling the soil, working in factories and anything necessary. But I have heard of no movement that

is calling the women to take the place of the men, that are taken to war, in the gospel work. In fact it seems that the spread of the gospel is only of secondary interest any more, even among the religious classes.

As the Church of God will have the greater part of the work to do from this time on, I feel that we ought to prepare for it, and hasten the preparation as rapidly as possible. And, as the outlook shows that many of our men are going to be forced into the service of the government, the women should take a decided step forward and be ready to take up the Bible that husband lays down, and the sister take it up as the brother has to lay it down, and proclaim its truth when they have to stop.

Some may think that I am borrowing trouble and appearing faithless in this matter, but no matter what people think about that, we are facing a reality now, and it is my purpose to make such extra preparations that the work will go on even if many of our men do have to leave their pastorates and missions.

Of course, it is not expected that older men will be pulled away from their preaching, but if all our young men that have already registered are compelled to leave their meetings and stop their preaching it will weaken our ranks very much. And the indication is now that all the men that have registered will be put into government service of some kind. This will take many of our strong able-bodied young men. And I see no way to fill up these vacancies except by the young women. And I trust that our girls and women will feel this responsibility and be ready to plunge into it with all their might.

In looking over our roll of ministers I find fifty-six that are within the register age. Most of these are in active service now, either pastors or evangelists. If these are taken there will be fifty-six vacancies. Of course I do not know that they will all be taken, but to my mind there ought to be at least fifty-six young women preparing to take their place in the ministry.

But some one will say, "It takes God to make the ministers." Yes, that is true, but I believe there have been many precious women who have stifled their convictions and refused the call of God, because of such a strong sentiment against women preachers. When our women once find out that they will be given a chance to develop their gifts and obey their calling I believe there will be many more ready for service.

I am truly thankful that we have so many women for workers, now, but I believe we ought to have many more. They often make the very best and should be encouraged to take hold.

There is more work than the men can do, and it must be done, so I feel that the responsibility is now falling heavier upon the good sisters:

By saying this, I do not mean that the women shall have the pre-eminence and exercise authority above all of the men, but they can preach and teach and stay humble and submissive and win many souls to Christ through their efforts. They should not, and must not, take up a line of teaching contrary to the regular fundamental doctrine taught and practiced by the men that must always be in advance of them, but they may be able to teach and preach much that many of the men that hear them know nothing about.

Now while the war is on and while a cloud of sorrow is enshrouding the people of all nations is a good time to spread the gospel. Isaiah tells us that the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness when the judgments are in the earth. (Isa. 26:9.) And now while the judgments are in the earth is our time to work. But we need more workers, and the men are too scarce, and besides this many of them will be compelled to enter government service which will deprive them of active ministry, therefore, we will have to look to the women.

Women are offering themselves by the million for nurses and helpers in the army, and they are considered patriotic for doing so, and why not our women come forward with Christian patriotism and boldness for God and help us in this the greatest of all services? I believe they will. I feel that the only thing they want is a chance. Some have already been studying their Bibles and making preparations. Others have not, but they ought to go into it now for all there is in them. There is no time to grieve over misspent movements, the thing to do now is to prepare for service and get into it as quickly as possible.

In our reports this year I notice that our membership is about two thirds women and one third men. This makes nearly seven thousand women in the church. Out of this seven thousand it seems to me that surely five hundred ought to be preachers if they only have a little help and training. And this number seems a low estimate. They might not all make what might be considered "big preachers," but they can surely tell the love of Jesus and His power to save.

It is scarcely ever the biggest preacher that does the most good any way. It is often those that are scarcely known to the masses that get off in some hilly country and have great meetings. It is not all in preaching; most of the work is accomplished by prayer, and all women that are filled with the Holy Ghost can pray. When I used to be in the revival work I never depended upon my preaching for the revival. I depended upon God in answer to effectual fervent prevailing prayer. If these five hundred women would only give themselves to prayer and tell the people the few things they know when they go into a community

it would not be long until at least two hundred and fifty revivals would be in progress in the land.

The Assembly has provided for a home mission fund, and this is to be used to open up work in new fields and support it till it can be self-supporting, and who can do better and more effective service of this kind than those five hundred women after they have had some good training? I hope our people will contribute liberally to this home mission fund so that there will soon be enough on hands to accomplish something worth while.

If our men are forced into the government service they should not forget to discharge their duty and pay their tithes and offerings. If they cannot be in active service for the Lord as they are now, they can help support the women that have to fill their places in the pulpit and on the mission field. We must not become discouraged, nor conclude we cannot accomplish the work the Lord has called us into. We CAN do it, and we WILL do it by His grace and help. If the men cannot be allowed to stay on the field the women must come out and make valiant workers for our common cause—Jesus and His Church.

With a little more means and plenty of room I believe I could have five hundred students in the Bible school inside of a year, and two-thirds of them would be young women, in training for the very service about which I am writing.

It will not do for our people to be engrossed or become entangled with the things of this world when there is so much to be done in the Master's service. And those that cannot and should not leave home ought to fall headlong into the Sunday School and mission work at home. And those that feel they are not able and cannot prepare themselves for such work ought to press the harder into some good honest paying business and labor, that they may contribute of their earnings to the spread of the gospel.

When you think of it carefully, how few people there are that know anything about the baptism with the Holy Ghost and the tongues that always follow! How few people that have heard the full gospel! Only a few miles away from where you worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness there are many that never heard of holiness. With just a little help and encouragement a few good women will slip out there in a few days and sing a few songs and tell them about what the Lord can do for both soul and body, and stir up a good revival.

This matter of women workers is not without Scripture for proof that they did work in the gospel. In writing to the Philippians Paul said, "I intreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel." If they labored with Paul in the gospel we expect them to labor now. He did not tell us just what special line of work they followed, but he left it broad enough so it can be seen that

they labored in whatever was before them to do. And laboring in the gospel includes preaching, superintending and teaching in Sunday School, singing, praying, or anything that their ability would enable them to do.

I read too, where a woman by the name of Priscilla, together with her husband, took an eloquent preacher out somewhere and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And there is no doubt that this sister did her share of the teaching. She knew the way better than Apollos did so she was capable of teaching him, but she was not above the Apostles and those that had instructed her.

A woman then can labor and instruct in the gospel. She may be more capable than some men, and when this is the case where she is, she should be given a chance to give instructions, but a woman is never expected to venture out into some new theory or line of teaching and become the founder of some new theme or doctrine. When she does this she is out of her place.

But our women know their places and they are zealous for the Church with all of its teaching, and it is my purpose to encourage them to push on in the work and take the places of our men that are going to be forced off into other service.

Come on sister, 500 of you, and get ready for the labor that is now already about to fall upon you. The Gospel has to go and you will have to help the men that are left and doing all they can. Some time, some where, you will get your reward for all your labor and sacrifice. You may need some training, but you can surely get that, if no other way, just like you learned to make bread—by just going at it.

There is no time to lose, for hours are passing swiftly by, and the harvest is white already, and laborers are few. The time may soon come when persecutions will be worse than they are now, so we need to work hard and rapidly while we can. The time will come, said Jesus, when it will be night and it will be too late to work then.

Oh, for a thousand good energetic sisters that fear nothing but God, full of the Holy Ghost and faith, to turn loose in the gospel work in the United States now! I wish I could make this matter impressive on the men to furnish the means as well as the sisters to make the sacrifice and necessary consecration and GO!

It is no time to have money lying up idle now. The coming of the Lord is too near at hand. I would be afraid to have money hoarded up when Jesus comes, and not subject for use in His service. We could well use \$10,000 right now for the great Church of God. Put the money to us and the men and women at our command and you will see the great Church of God roll this year.

My soul is on the wing and my heart is almost bursting with love for the interests of my Christ's Church and kingdom. It must go! OH, IT MUST GO! The Church of God is the (Continued on page 2.)

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We are pleased to note the zeal and courage of little Robert Cardwell in canvassing for the paper. God bless you Robert, God will reward you for your effort.

Special call for some Church of God workers to go to Watkinsville, Ga. If any can go address Mrs. Emma Payne R 2 Watkinsville Ga. More workers are needed to fill such calls. Pray the Lord to send more laborers.

Those wishing to write J. A. Davis, Overseer of Mississippi can address him in care of Evangel office. Brother Davis writes that he feels the presence of the Lord and expects to push the work this year. He says he needs two or three more preachers for pastors.

We have been asked to state through the Evangel where people should pay their tithes who are living a distance from any church. In reply to this request will say that if they are members they should send their tithes to the local church where they are members, if it is in working order. If they are not members, or if for any cause the church where they belong is not in working order, tithes can be sent to headquarters. They will be put in a fund to spread the gospel.

Macon, Ga.

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 Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
 Preaching 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m. Tuesday and Friday 7:30 p. m., corner of Oak and 3rd streets, five blocks south of Dempsey Hotel.

W. W. Rush.

Notice.

In my last article published in the Evangel I referred to an experience of speaking in tongues which I had not long before leaving China. I notice I did not express myself clearly. It reads as if speaking in tongues is an infrequent experience with me, however I am glad to say it is a very frequent and most enjoyable experience.

The thought that I intended to bring out was that the experience referred to was so unusual it was similar to receiving the baptism.

These have been busy days—precious times of waiting upon God and looking to Him to undertake for us and work in this wicked place. We are just now about to open up public worship have on a banner printed in

large head letters on white cloth this inscription: "Prepare to meet thy God," which we hope to unfurl and take the city for the Church of God in the name of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The enemy is strongly entrenched here but he shall be defeated and his forces scattered. We hope reinforcements will soon come from the homeland to join us. Pray for us.

In His name,
 Mrs. Rushin.

WOMEN FOR WORKERS
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only institution in the world that has the "gospel of the kingdom" message, and God will hold us responsible for what He knows we can do.

The great love of God that is burning in our souls is going to make us equal to the occasion and we will run into the battle and plant the gospel of the kingdom in every nation despite the war demons and all hell that is arrayed against us. And the women are going to be great factors in the last great conflict.

It was a woman—Mary—that was early at the pulchre and ran and delivered the first resurrection sermon, and it will be the women that will stand in the thickest of the persecutions till the last, and declare "He is risen." Hallelujah!

Women for workers? Yes indeed! They often make the very best and should be encouraged to take hold. There is more work than the men can do. My soul is on fire a time and space compels me to close. Glory! Hallelujah! Amen!

Finleyson, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I thank God for Jesus and for what He has done for me and for other folks, too. I have a deep settled peace in my soul.

I thank God for a seven weeks' siege of chills and fever. I was enabled to trust Him for my healing. In places where we had held meetings I had often testified to trusting God for healing but I had never been put to such test as came to me just before the Assembly.

While I was sick I often thought of how I had testified in the meetings. I knew the time had come for me to prove myself. I certainly did think my time had come to go and I really wanted to go but Jesus healed me. I want Him to have the honor and glory. I'm glad I've found a physician who knows all about us and who can heal all diseases.

My people begged me to have a physician but I refused. Thank God! I called the saints to come and pray for me. Brother O. Arthur Culpepper of Jasper, Fla. came up and prayed for me; The Lord blessed but He didn't heal me just then, though, thank God, He heals me now.

I just want to forever recommend the heavenly physician; He heals the body just the same as He saves, sanctifies and baptizes with the Holy Ghost.

Well glory to God! I feel like traveling on to the city. I know we shall have to go through many things yet but Jesus has promised to never leave nor forsake us if we trust in Him.

I want all the saints to pray for me.

Your sister,
 Mattie Pope.

Broxton, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I praise God this day for salvation that keeps us from sin. Praise His dear name! I love Jesus better than anything on earth.

I have just finished reading the Evangel and the Editor's article has put into my heart a greater determination to do more for Jesus. It has put within me a "go ye" spirit that I never before possessed. Brother J. W. Pitcher's sermon was greatly appreciated, also Brother Sam O. Perry's. Since reading these I see I can do a good work by taking my Bible and going from house to house. Of course not all will receive me, but some will and I may be able to take this gospel to some one who cannot go to meeting, or win some soul by my Father's love. Bless His holy name!

Right here I want to speak a word to the sisters on the field. When we go into homes, whether Christian or not, we should first get acquainted with the folks then get our aprons and try to relieve the lady of the house of some of her cares. We should try to be a help and not a burden. When we do this the one in whose home we stay will have a better opportunity to attend the services. Let us not be lazy. I enjoy helping the sister; I just love to help them.

The Lord has done wonderful things for me. When I was about six years old papa bought his first show outfit and we traveled over the larger portion of Florida. After that we owned one a good deal of the time until Feb. 1917. Praise God! At this time the Lord sent Brother Lemons to Asheville, Ga., where we were living at the time and learning new plays for the stage.

Brother Lemons preached in the same building where we had our first meeting just a short time before. He preached a week before I had the chance to go; but papa and my brother went and would come home and tell us about the shouting and talking in tongues. As they talked of these things a great desire possessed me to go and see how those peculiar people did.

Finally the opportunity came for me to go to the meeting and I continued going until conviction settled upon my heart, though I didn't yield until the last services. Brother Lemons asked those who desired prayer to come forward and give him their hand. I made my way through the crowd and gave my hand. I decided that I would become a true child of God. Hot tears ran down my cheeks and fell upon my worldly dress; I tried to hide them from my friends but such a trembling came over me I had to yield to the Lord.

Brother Lemons went from Asheville to Finleyson, Ga., to hold a few days meeting. With two other sisters I went to the services in a car. The Lord's people shouted, talked in tongues and had the victory. Praise God! One week from that time the Lord wonderfully saved me; a short time after He sanctified me; on June 4, if I mistake not, He wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name!

Since that time I have done various things for a living. I have certainly had to live by faith nearly ever since I received the Holy Ghost.

I want to thank God for the privilege of attending the last Assembly; it was food to my

starving soul. I can never tell it just like it was. If Jesus tarries I expect to be there next year.

Please be sure to pray for me. I am out and out for Jesus. Praise His name! The way gets sweeter.

Please pray for our meeting that has just begun at this place.

Your sister in Christ,
 Lillie Mae Wilcox.

At Rest.

On the evening of Sept. 14, 1917, the death angel visited the home of Brother and sister Harden and claimed their little sixteen-months-old baby. Little Lula was a comfort to the home and we miss her very much, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We shall meet her by and by.

Thou art gone on, precious darling,
 Never more canst thou return;
 Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber
 Till the resurrection-morn.
 One who loved her.

Logan, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Two years ago the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I raise the Lord! I still have the experience and am determined to go through with Jesus.

We have no mission here yet but we are expecting God to help us in opening up one. We are praising His dear name for the prayer meetings we are having. Nine have received the Holy Ghost during the last four weeks, others have been saved and sanctified and are tarrying for the baptism.

We are praising the Lord for the baptism.

We are praising the Lord for sending Brother Oneal to Logan. By the help of the Lord he is doing a great work here.

Please pray for us.

Your sister in Jesus,
 Mrs. John Beaver.

Cedar Key, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am one of the Lord's children. I praise Him for washing me in the blood of the Lamb.

How I praise the Lord for sending me the light. My uncle and aunt T. I. and E. A. Polatta were the first to bring the gospel here. I thought they were crazy and was ashamed of them; but thank God I am not ashamed of the way now; I delight in the manifestations of the Spirit of God. The Lord has wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I am one of the members of the Church of God at this place. We have prayer meetings three or four times each week. We certainly need a minister to come here and give out the Word of God.

Your sister in Christ,
 Mae E. Booth.

Valdosta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising and thanking God for this wonderful salvation that floods the soul with glory and keeps the heart aflame with the fire of heavenly love. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! My soul is on the wing tonight as I write.

I desire the earnest prayers of all the saints that God will heal my body.

W. M. Hudson.

Assembly Minutes

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Pratt City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for the way of holiness, for the way He leads His children along. I mean to follow Him all the way.

There are tests along the way, but I'm so glad God has promised that we shall not be tempted above that we are able to bear. I praise Him for the grace He has given me to stand.

We have had sickness in the family this fall; the most serious case was our little baby who had whooping-cough and was threatened with pneumonia. In fact a gentleman who was boarding with us said she had pneumonia and that if she were his child he would get a physician. I told him I was trusting the Lord; he said he would not like to be my child and get sick.

The devil certainly did try me. There was no one to pray except Sister Lucy Snider, my husband and myself. I got to the place where I could hardly pray. I sent for a bottle of olive oil but the Lord would not allow me to use it; my baby was healed with out any remedy. Glory to Jesus!

I told the Lord if He would heal my baby I would testify to it through the Evangel.

Your sister in Christ,
 Mrs. J. A. Franklin.

Stithon, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

We have held a few prayer meetings for the saints at this place and the Lord has greatly blessed us and poured out His Spirit upon us. A little girl was saved and one reclaimed. Glory to Jesus! God can work and no man can hinder.

We haven't any church here, but God is sending in the means to build one. Please pray that He will continue to bless every effort that is put forth. A Church of God is surely needed at this place.

I praise God for the few saints that are holding on to God; they certainly are on fire for Him.

Please pray for me that I may stay true to the Lord and lift up the blood-stained banner to this dying world.

Yours for lost souls,
 Ella Dever.

Mississippi State Convention.

We will hold our State Assembly at Stonefield church near Osceola, Miss., beginning Dec., 12. Request every one of our preachers and workers to be present. We want to arrange for our year's campaign.

Get your tickets to Hardy, Mississippi.

J. A. Davis,
 Overseer of Mississippi.

Camp Meeting

at Chockolokee Island, Fla., begins December 20th and continue ten days or longer.

Brother E. L. Simmons in charge with other workers to assist. Everybody invited to come and camp.

For other information address, I. M. Lopez, clerk.

The Wimauma Camp Meeting.

The campmeeting at Wimauma, Fla., began Nov. 15, and continued for ten days.

The weather was right cool, and the attendance was not up to what it was in the spring meeting, but the interest was better.

* Such unity and oneness of purpose we have seldom seen. All of the saints seemed intent on going forward with God.

At times there was intense shouting, dancing, leaping and praising, and at other times a stillness pervaded the tabernacle, when the very atmosphere seemed filled with the presence and power of God, and again there was a rushing to the altar to seek the deep things of God.

We sincerely believe that there is a deep hungering in the hearts of many of those who attended this meeting for the gifts of the Spirit and the deeper things of God that will be followed up by earnest seeking and praying and holding on to God in a way that will at least bring them nearer to the desired blessings.

It is an evident fact that if we ever get the great gifts and powers that we see from the Bible belongs to us, we will have to get tremendously in earnest about them and hold on to God with a death grip, or we will never possess them. As long as we find so many other things to take our best time and thought we will never make it. So we had as well quit parleying over a lot of useless and silly things and get down to business about this matter and when we go at it right and meet God's conditions we are going to get some where and never until we do.

Brother Pitcher, of Baltimore, Md., was on hand with his usual forceful messages. We do praise God for a man like Brother Pitcher, who is fully yielded to God and has no axe to grind or no motive in view but to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, without fear of men or devils. God has raised up this man to do a work that some of the rest of us cannot do, but we will stand by him and pray for him and hold up his hands while God uses him, and then shout over the victory and give God all the glory.

Our people love Brother Pitcher and we like to have him dig us up and get us down on a deeper foundation. If there is anything "shaky" about us we want to find it now and get rid of it. Brother Pitcher don't spare any of us, but hews to the line and lets the chips fall where they may. He is not afraid of us preachers or even anybody else, but just gives it straight; that's why we love him. So put it on us, my dear brother, it's doing us good; we are even now rising higher and we are going to shine for Jesus our great Head brighter and brighter and go forth as an army with banners.

It would be impossible even to estimate the results of this meeting. But many were healed and a goodly number saved, sanctified or filled with the Holy Ghost, and many of God's children, if not all who attended, were greatly blessed and strengthened.

We believe that as we press on and look to God for guidance, that there are greater things ahead of the Wimauma camp meetings than we have ever yet seen. We don't want a surface work that will be gone in two or

three weeks after the meeting closes, but a deep work that will continue like a great river to flow fuller and deeper and go steadily ahead all the time.

It was decided that our spring meeting should be run by Florida preachers, and that we will have a state assembly of three or four days during the meeting. We will give public notice of this in due time.

Praise the Lord for His great goodness and love to us.

Your brother in the faith,
Sam C. Perry.

Garrison, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for showing me the plan of salvation. I am very grateful to Him for opening my eyes to the truth and showing me that the baptism with the Holy Ghost is for us today though I have not received it yet.

Please pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
Willie Cawley.

Cheraw, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise and magnify the Lord for what He has done for me. He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost.

The enemy came against me about one month ago and afflicted me with erysipelas in my ankle joint. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may be healed if it be the Lord's will, that I may be able to fight the devil and be instrumental in winning souls for Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,
Caleb Merrett.

Camp Meeting Notice.

The campmeeting at Ft. Myers, Fla., will begin Dec. 12, 1917, and continue indefinitely. We are expecting to have a tent for the services and arrange the church for campers. We want all the saints to come full of fire and pray until the victory comes.

For further information address R. E. Ransone, clerk, A. S. Skinner, deacon, or E. B. Culpepper, pastor and minister in charge, all of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Princeton, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for the way of holiness. I love the Word of God and mean to measure my life to it, and walk in all the light that comes to me.

I was a member of the Pentecostal Church for about four years but last summer Brother and Sister Hurley came to Princeton and held a meeting; while they were here thirteen of us came into the church of God. I think there are others who will come in later.

We have no place to have public worship. I request the saints to pray that the Lord will provide a place of worship for us until we can build a church.

We shall be glad for workers to stop with us for we need all help we can get. There are many good people here who need the light on the Church of God.

Your brother in Christ,
L. M. Howell.

Savannah, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad the Lord sent Brother and Sister Parker to Savannah to tell us about the baptism with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

Dear readers, please pray that God will keep me through all the temptations of the enemy.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. W. S. Sineath.

A Vision.

I get many wonderful visions. Last night, Nov. 19, 1917, I was troubling over the way sects, creeds and denominations have divided and severed the body of Christ—the church—and I saw a vision of a trimmed olive tree. I saw a peculiar looking beast with long bluish silken hair, shaped somewhat like a bear, which went up to the olive tree and ate the green branches; but it didn't bother the branches whose leaves had withered and some decayed, it only ate the green ones. Neither did it eat the tree.

My interpretation is this: There is going to be a sifting time and many movements which seem to have the power of God now and are apparently green, will be trimmed off because they do not measure up to the full Bible standard. Only one tree will remain. I beheld this tree until it became a beautiful well formed tree; all of its branches were green and beautiful.

The beast, of course, is the beast of whom the Bible tells us; who caused all, both small and great, whose names were not found written in the Lamb's Book, to receive his mark. He is devouring all who do not adhere to the truth of God's Word, but have ways, doctrines and systems of their own instead of the Bible ways, doctrines and systems.

God has made these things plain in His Word, but the beast has perverted God's Word, clouded and deluded the minds of the nominal Christian world so they can hardly get away from delusion and false teachings.

But God's church will triumph over all. It will take persecutions as we are not having them now, to bring out the pure gold from the dross. Then we shall see the Church of God shine in its true purity and light as never before. It must be this way before the end. May we all let the work begin in our own hearts. We are all far from just what God wants the bride for His Son to be.

R. E. Winsett.

NOTICE.

My address will be Walhalla S. C. after Dec. 1. Will be pleased to hear from friends in S. C. concerning the Lord's work in any way.

W. H. Cross.
Overseer of S. C.

Charlotte, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad salvation is free to all who will accept it. God has blessedly saved me from my sins, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. I know He does heal His people. I am so glad I ever learned to trust Him for both soul and body.

I know it will not be long until Jesus shall come back to earth again to catch away His bride and I want to be one of the number that shall rise to meet Him and sing and shout forever.

The Lord has seen best to call our little baby away after an illness of only one day. We trusted God. Praise His name!

I desire your prayers that I may stand true to Jesus at any cost and be just what He wants me to be.

Your sister in Christ,
Nolia McGowan.

SIGN OF THE CROSS REFLECTED BY MOON

Celestial Phenomenon Observed by Halloween Merry-makers And Sedate Citizens.

(Clipping from a Secular paper.)

Did you see the bright cross reflected in the sky by the moon last night?

It was almost uncanny. Hundreds of Philadelphians witnessed the spectacle with a mixed feeling of wonder, awe and fear. With the full moon as its center and while the whole city was merrymaking and celebrating Halloween, the perfect cross was detected in the clear night sky with arms of light almost as powerful as searchlights.

The cross was first visible about 9 o'clock. After illuminating the sky clearly above the city, it faded dimly from view after half an hour.

Oldtime Philadelphians never had witnessed such a sight before.

"What does it mean?" was the question asked on many street corners.

In the Italian quarter many were seen to bless themselves. Reports have been made of crosses appearing in the sky above the din and smoke of

battlefields in northern France, Russia and near the Italian frontier. The famous cross seen in the sky by Constantine in the days of the early Christians—days of torture and cruelty—also has gone down in history.

The Roman Emperor, was unquestionably affected. So were Philadelphians last night.

When Italian residents had recovered from their first shock, it began to be rumored that the emblem in the sky could be taken as an omen that the Italian armies under Cadorna were preparing to stand fast. This omen was considered all the more important because of today—All Saint's Day.

Tradition has it that Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor of Rome, was converted by a cross which appeared in the sky. "In Hoc Signo Vinctes" was what he is said to have read meaning "By This Sign Thou Shalt Conquer."

Unity, Love and Power.

Will L. Hance.

It is an evident fact that what we need in the church today is more love and unity; the only way to get it is to do what God says for us to do. If we obey Him there is no room for confusion, for God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. See 1 Cor. 14:33. We find this true in all churches that are full of saints, but in those where some are not saints we find confusion.

A great many times our faults will cause a discord among the saints. Why? Because we fail to do what Jesus said do. In Mat. 18:15-18, Jesus says, "Moreover, if thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

This is a plan Jesus has instituted to keep His people in unity and no man can produce a better one. Now if He meant what He said in saying, "Thou shalt not kill," He meant this, too.

When there is no response in our hearts to our brother or sister's testimony, there is something wrong at one end of the line or the other. If the fault is in us, according to Saint James, we must confess our faults one to another.

We might think it would hurt our brother's feelings to tell him of his faults, but if his heart is right he will love you the more for he will have a chance to repent and confess and if his heart is not right that will be manifested.

Let us do what Jesus says do and we shall have the devil crowded out, and the Lord will work through us. If we obey Him we shall have unity love and power.

Walbridge, Ohio.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise the Lord for this wonderful experience of the baptism with the Holy Ghost, which I received July 12. Brother and Sister Haynes came down to Walbridge and held a few night services and I received the blessed experience. I would not exchange it for all that this world could offer.

I am the only one in this town who has the baptism with the Holy Ghost. How sad I feel as I think of the condition of this people. My heart has been burdened today, but oh, how near Jesus has been! Praise His name! He has promised to never leave nor forsake His people.

It means something to stand alone in a town of unbelief, but the Lord has never failed one who trusted in Him. When I read the testimony of a brother or sister who is alone in a town, I always have a feeling of sympathy for them.

I thank God for the Evangel; it is food to my soul. It has been a lamp to my pathway many times.

We so much need a tent meeting here. There is no public building that can be rented. Of course not all will accept the truth, but there are some honest hearts here who are hungry for salvation.

Please pray for me that I may do the Master's will until He comes.

Your sister,
Nellie Gilbert.

Cascilla, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say I am still saved, sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus and have the Holy Ghost abiding. I desire to live true and humble until Jesus comes or calls. Praise His precious name!

Dear friends, please do not forget to pray for my brother who is now in the training camp in Columbia, S. C. Pray that God will deliver him and give him grace to stand true to Jesus. I covet the prayers of the saints.

Your sister in Christ,
Minnie Baker.

Akron, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have just returned from Parkersburg, W. Va. where I was called to the bedside of my mother. The Lord wonderfully healed her. Bless His dear name!

The church there is in good condition. At the Sunday night service there was not standing room in the hall. Two were added to the church.

Our meeting in Akron was very successful. Brother Borton was in charge but had to leave for the Assembly, so Brother Allen and Brother Swezy carried the work right on. I think there were ten filled with the Spirit, and eleven added to the church. The altar was full all the time.

The church is getting on nicely. We have to pay thirty dollars per month rent, but the Lord has supplied all the needs so far.

Please continue to pray for us.

Your sister,
Mrs. Cole.

At Rest.

Nov. 15, 1917, Sister Arebella Eneas of Nassau went home to live with Jesus, leaving to mourn her loss a husband and four children.

Sister Eneas was one of the first in Nassau to receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and one of the first members of the Church of God. She lived up to its teachings until her death. During her illness, she was asked if she wanted a physician; she replied: "I have trusted the Lord for eight years, I will trust Him to the end." Her death bed was a pulpit from which she preached Christ to the people.

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

While I was reading the Evangel this morning the glory of the Lord filled my soul to an overflowing.

As I read the testimonies of the saints a longing desire came over me to be out in the work again for our great King. I have never been satisfied since we sold out our outfit. I have a longing desire to see the work of God move forward at a rapid rate.

I am praising God because He brought me to Himself and helped me to give my heart to Him when I was young. I praise Him for so wonderfully saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire.

I desire an interest in the prayers of all the saints that I may stay in the center of God's will, filled with the love of Jesus.

Your unworthy brother,
Herman Carpenter.

Branford, Fla.

Dear Editor and Evangel Readers:

I praise the name of Jesus for His goodness and many blessings.

I have been in the way about two years; it grows brighter to me every day. I mean to go all the way with Jesus and be just what He wants me to be. Hallelujah! I feel the Spirit burning in my soul just now.

I praise God for the wonderful baptism with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His keeping power, for power to overcome the enemy. Glory to Jesus!

The Lord is my healer, too. We use no remedies in our family but trust Jesus for every thing. He heals us when we get sick.

I desire your prayers that I may do just what God wants me to do.

Your humble sister,
Lilla Sumner.

Marietta, Ga.

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad:

I certainly do love Jesus! Praise His name! I'm so glad I am one of His followers. He has wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

My husband and I are the only Pentecostal people here, but others are becoming interested in the way. We trust that the Lord will send some one to help us. The harvest is indeed ripe.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. S. C. Elrod.

Rock Island, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am thankful to God for this great salvation He has provided for us. Jesus' blood has cleansed away all my sin, both actual and inherited. On the night of Nov. 14, I received the blessed Comforter who spoke in a language unknown to me.

Please pray for me. I want to be faithful unto the end.

Your sister in Christ,
Maggie Slatton.

Blanche, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a meeting at this place which was very successful. The Lord greatly blessed. Forty-one were saved, a number sanctified and five were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

It is wonderful what the Lord can do for us. Praise His name! It is so blessed to trust in Him. I'm so glad I ever found the good way.

Your humble servant,
Joe Canupp.

Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God for Jesus. He is all this world to me. I mean to work for the Lord with all my might. I want to tell people of His mighty power to save and keep us saved.

I do praise the Lord for saving me, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I want to be true to Jesus, He has done so much for me.

I once went to shows and to dances but when God saved me He saved me from all these things. I love Him for it. Glory!

I am just delighted with this way. I trust the Lord for both soul and body. I have not taken any medicine during the last two years and my health is better than ever before. I thank God for His goodness. I am in the battle to stay.

Yours in Christ,
Perry Lee Haynes.

Sunburst, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are praising God for victory over the enemy at Sunburst, N. C. We came here from the Assembly and began to give out the Word. It seemed rather hard at first, the darkness seemed to hover down upon us. The enemy was quiet but he held the people with a strong, unyielding grip.

However, we battled on for about ten days. On Sunday, Nov. 18, we had good services through the day. At the night service a large crowd gathered. It seemed that Satan had all his forces on hand. During the song service some disturbance arose outside; presently several shots were fired. The power began falling upon the saints and though a volley was fired through the window shattering the glass into small bits, they never ceased praising God. The power of

the Lord was wonderfully manifested.

After a time of rejoicing and praising the Lord, an altar call was given and many souls came crying out to God for mercy. Some said that something like a whirlwind seemed to pass through the house. Great fear was upon the congregation.

Since this time we have had complete victory. Glory to God! All seem to be stronger in the Lord than ever before.

This gospel must be preached regardless of persecution. Though some may fall at their post, yet Jesus says, "Go ye." We will go rejoicing in tribulations. Hallelujah! We are prepared to go because we have on the whole armour of God. If we trust Him we will never lose a battle. Glory! I feel like traveling on.

We desire an interest in the prayers of the saints.

Your brother in Christ,
John Q. Myers.

Ashland City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still enjoying this wonderful salvation, so full and free. I was saved from my sins in June 1915, a little later I was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Comforter came speaking in other tongues just as Jesus said He would do. Praise the Lord!

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be used of the Lord in bringing some soul to Him.

Your brother,
J. L. Graham.

Notice.

I shall be glad to serve the church as a helper under overseer of state or district.

C. T. Morgan.
Walhalla,
S. C.

Monroe, Ga.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He has done for me. Seven years ago He wonderfully saved me from sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

The first Holiness meeting I ever attended I was so full of sin and prejudice I was ashamed to be seen there. Like Nicodemus I went by night.

By and by the Lord in some way got hold of me and I went down over an old ragged-bottom chair in a cottage meeting as my altar rail. I prayed and agonized with God until He heard my prayer and came to the rescue. Praise Him forever! I feel the victory now.

That was the best day of my life up to that time, but since then I have been made to rejoice over many wonderful manifestations of the power of God. Hallelujah! It is a wonderful thing to be a child of the King, to have your name enrolled on the book of Life, to have the assurance of life beyond the grave. I love the Lord above everything in this world. He is so precious to me. Praise His name forever!

I have never seen a time since God saved me when the true gospel was needed more than now. My highest ambition is to stand true and tell the true story to the lost. Please pray for me.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
H. S. Brooks.

Gone To Be With Jesus.

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Willie Meyers of Stithon, Ky., on Nov. 17, 1917, and carried away their little girl, Ella Mae. We miss her sadly, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Her aunt,
Ella Dever.

Westville, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for saving me from sin, sanctifying me wholly and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am determined to go through with Jesus at any cost.

Jesus is our physician. He has healed our bodies at different times. My little boy is afflicted now and I desire your prayers that he may be healed.

Your sister in Christ,
Rebecca Peterson.

Buhl, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for the cleansing blood that takes away all my sins, and for the baptism with the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in other tongues. I am not ashamed of any thing God has done for me.

I praise God for the privilege of trusting my body in His hands. He is the great Physician.

How I praise God for endowment with power from on high, that enables us to overcome the enemy all along the way! I know it is the Lord who has brought us to this experience and I am expecting Him to take us deeper in His love and grace. I am pressing on to higher heights and expect to continue to do so until I reach the city of gold.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. T. J. Graham.

Byington, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Our overseer, Brother F. J. Lee and his wife were with us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. (Nov. 17, 18). The Word of God was given out by Brother Lee in its fullness. The music was in charge of our dear Brother Aaron Smith of Tampa, Fla. Brother and Sister J. S. Llewellyn were also with us on this occasion.

At the eleven o'clock service on Sunday Brother M. W. Letsinger was ordained bishop in the Church of God. At the night service some soul-thrilling testimonies were given and the dew of heaven seemed to fall on all the saints. Following this part of the service Brother Lee gave out the message with wonderful power. At the close of the discourse an altar call was given and the altar was filled with anxious seekers. Many prayers and praises ascended.

Brother and Sister Lee go from here to Harriman, Tenn. Brother and Sister Letsinger leave for Tarpon Springs, Fla., Nov. 20, to take charge of the work there. May God bless their efforts. Brother Letsinger has been our pastor during the past two years and is a faithful servant of the Lord. We thank God for him.

I am still feasting on some good things the Lord gave me at the Assembly. Praise God! During the discourse given by Brother Lemons, waves like as of fire were seen to come down over the Elders.

This is a wonderful salvation, and I feel like going on. As I go, I want to say like Peter did on the day of Pentecost: "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."—Acts 2: 39.

J. M. Scarbrough.

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